

**CONE PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
July 21, 2016**

A meeting of the Cone Park Advisory Committee was held at 12:00 p.m., City Hall, 4th Floor Clocktower Conference Room, 405 6th Street, Sioux City, IA 51101.

<u>BOARD PRESENT</u>	<u>STAFF PRESENT</u>	<u>OTHERS</u>
Fran Palmersheim	Robert Padmore	
Rhonda Capron	Matt Salvatore	
Ron Colling	Todd Lien	
Tim Seaman	Brittany Scott	
Craig Berenstein		
Virginia Anderson		
Joe Krage		
<u>BOARD ABSENT</u>		
Paul Stensland		
Karen VanDeSteege		

1. CALL OF THE ROLL

Meeting was called to order by Berenstein at 12:00 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Palmersheim, seconded by Colling, to defer the approval of the minutes of April 5 and July 6, 2016, until the next scheduled Cone Park Advisory Committee meeting; all voting aye.

3. STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOR CONE PARK

Salvatore reported the bid opening for the roadway and tubing hill was held and three bids were received – Lessard Contracting, Subsurfco LLC, and Park Construction. Of the three, two are local and one is from Minnesota. The two low bids were very close with Lessard being the lowest (\$3,425,000) which came in 10% over the engineer’s estimate or \$311,000. Berenstein asked if the bid included the ice skating rink and splash pad. Salvatore said no there is money set aside for these.

Padmore said the road has been budgeted and will be completed one way or another. Salvatore noted the CIP cash balance is over \$3.1 million which includes various grants received from Woodbury County, MRHD, Siouxland Chamber, CAT, and private donations. There is an additional \$53,000 left to raise for the project.

Berenstein asked if the City has the latitude to reallocate the \$250,000 for the splash pad and ice skating rink. Salvatore said it is too early to decide; as, the costs may be less than expected if there are no above ground features.

Krage entered the meeting at 12:10 pm.

Berenstein questioned since there will be a splash pad in Leeds and the new one at Miracle Field is one needed here. Salvatore stated the splash pad was identified in the CAT grant when submitted; and, everything identified has to be included in the project.

Salvatore said the orientation of the day lodge and splash pad will be modified to point toward the tubing hill.

Berenstein asked once the bid is awarded how soon will construction begin and when will we see progress. Salvatore responded it depends on how quickly Lessard completes the dirt work. November 18 is the deadline for the dirt work with July 31, 2017, being the completion date for this phase of the project. Once that phase is complete, construction will begin on the lodge, then the ice skating rink. This will begin sometime next fall, with the total project being completed by December 1, 2017.

Anderson entered the meeting at 12:30 pm.

Berenstein asked questions regarding the role of the Committee when the facility is operational. Padmore said this will be an operating issue.

Berenstein questioned how it would work if the scope for the ice skating rink were broadened; as a full size rink would attract tourists with tournaments. Lien commented a regulation size rink would be a big asset to the community. Sioux Center is thinking of putting in an outdoor rink, which is the trend. Seaman said he talked to some youth hockey coaches; and, they were not real excited about the idea. The functionality over the course of a season is not an interest to these coaches.

Salvatore noted they need to continue fundraising. Seaman asked how much was raised from the webpage. Salvatore responded \$8,000. He added he would like to keep the message out there to which Padmore agreed. Berenstein suggested setting up a subcommittee for fundraising. Krage added naming rights should be considered, such as buying a brick around the fire pit inscribed with a name. Palmersheim suggested having names put on the tubes. Anderson noted the little guys need to be involved in this project as well. Seaman suggested doing a formal promotional on the project as nothing has been done thus far to get people excited. A big visible event needs to be held to make a splash.

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:59 pm, on motion by Palmersheim, seconded by Colling; all voting aye.